



BY-LAW NO. 2024-0110

A By-law to designate Knox Presbyterian Manse, located at 39 Willow Street North, under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact a by-law to designate real property, including all of the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS authority was granted by the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills to designate the property located at 39 Willow Street North, Acton, Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, legally described as "LT 73, PL 227, ALSO SHOWN ON PL 1098; HALTON HILLS", and known as Knox Presbyterian Manse, as being of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills has caused to be served upon the owners of the land and premises known as Knox Presbyterian Manse, located at 39 Willow Street North, Acton, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to Designate the property and has caused Notice of Intention to be published on the Town's website per the Town's "Ontario Heritage Act – Alternate Notice Policy";

AND WHEREAS the Reasons for Designation are set out in Schedule "B" of this by-law;

AND WHEREAS on October 7, 2024, Council for the Town of Halton Hills approved Report No. PD-2024-059, dated August 30, 2024, in which certain recommendations were made relating to the designation of the subject property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT Knox Presbyterian Manse, located at 39 Willow Street North, and further described in Schedule "A", is hereby designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as being of cultural heritage value or interest for the reasons set out in Schedule "B" attached to and forming part of this By-law;
2. THAT a copy of this By-law together with reasons for the designation be registered against the property and served in accordance with Section 29 of the Act;
3. THAT a notice of this By-law be published in accordance with Section 29 of the Act.

BY-LAW read and passed by the Council for the Town of Halton Hills this 9th day of December, 2024.

Originally Signed By:

MAYOR – ANN LAWLOR

Originally Signed By:

TOWN CLERK – VALERIE PETRYNIAK

SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2024-0110

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

LT 73, PL 227, ALSO SHOWN ON PL 1098; HALTON HILLS

PIN: 250020080

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW NO. 2024-0110

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION

Description of Property

The subject property is located at 39 Willow Street North along the east side of Willow Street North in the community of Acton in the Town of Halton Hills. The property contains a single-detached, two-storey brick residential building with a combination hip and gable roof. The property is legally described as “LT 73, PL 227, ALSO SHOWN ON PL 1098; HALTON HILLS”.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property at 39 Willow Street North has physical and design value as a representative example of a late nineteenth-century Queen Anne Revival residential building. The former manse’s asymmetrical façade, steeply-pitched and irregular roofline, front-facing gable, overhanging eaves, two-storey projecting bay with detailed wooden bargeboard, detailed textures within the brickwork on the exterior, and the large, wrap-around wooden porch with significant wooden columns and classical pediment contribute to its representation as a unique interpretation of the style within the community of Acton.

The property at 39 Willow Street North has historical and associative value due to its over 100 years of use as a manse for the Presbyterian Church in Acton. Reflecting the growth of the early Presbyterian congregation in Acton, the church constructed its second manse at the subject property under the minister at the time, Reverend J.W. Rae. Over the years, the property was a frequent site for social activities, parties, church events, and local marriages. The existing building served as a manse for almost 100 years for the Presbyterian church until it was sold in the late 1980s.

The property at 39 Willow Street North has significant contextual value as late nineteenth-century Queen Anne Revival residential building at the corner of Bower Street and Willow Street North in the community of Acton. Together with the neighbouring properties along Bower Street, the existing building helps to define and maintain the late-nineteenth century and early-twentieth century development of this residential neighbourhood on the periphery of Acton’s historic downtown. The property and existing residence are physically, functionally, visually, and historically linked to its surroundings in the community and has maintained its significant presence along the streetscape as captured in historical photography. The property is similar in scale and materials to the neighbouring properties and has not been identified as a landmark in the area.

Heritage Attributes

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 39 Willow Street North that contribute to its physical and design value include:

- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing late 19th-century residential building along Willow Street North in the community of Acton in the Town of Halton Hills;
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-and-a-half storey building with multi-sloped roof with brick chimney, modest brick plinth slightly projecting above the stone foundation, and stone foundation;

- The materials, including the red brick exterior and architectural detailing, stone sills, and stone foundation;
- The front (southeast) elevation, including:
 - The two-storey bay with three flat-headed window openings with brick voussoirs and stone sills, and decorative brick string courses, at the first and second storey;
 - Brick string courses with horizontal and vertical brick patterns between each brick band at the first and second storey;
 - Brick brackets under the window openings along the first storey;
 - Gable peak with decorative wooden bargeboard and wooden brackets beneath;
 - Inset decorative brickwork featuring angled bricks beneath the windows at the second storey, and the gable peak;
 - One-storey wooden porch with classical pediment along the southeast and southwest elevations, with plain wooden columns, wooden dentils beneath the porch eaves, brick pier supports and plain wooden balusters;
 - Front entryway with sidelights and transom;
- The side (northeast) elevation, including:
 - Flat-headed window openings with brick voussoirs and stone sills at the first and second storeys;
 - Brick string courses with horizontal and vertical brick patterns between each brick band at the first and second storey;
- The side (southwest) elevation, including:
 - Flat-headed window openings with brick voussoirs and stone sills at the first and second storeys;
 - Two brick chimneys projecting above the roofline.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 39 Willow Street North that contribute to its historical and associative value include:

- The legibility of the existing property as a late 19th-century residential building along Willow Street North in the community of Acton in the Town of Halton Hills.

The identified heritage attributes of the property at 39 Willow Street North that contribute to its contextual value include:

- The legibility of the existing property as a late 19th-century residential building along Willow Street North in the community of Acton in the Town of Halton Hills.
- The setback, location, and orientation of the existing building along Willow Street North; and,
- The scale, form, and massing of the two-and-a-half storey building with multi-sloped roof and brick chimney.

The rear elevation, rear addition, and interiors have not been identified as heritage attributes as part of this report.